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- ☒ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed Request for Reconsideration (with Attachment 1).  
herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
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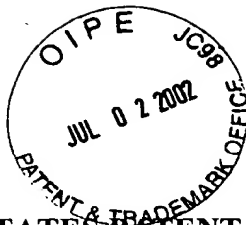
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed on April 2, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application for the reasons, as follows:

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the accompanying discussion below, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application, and reconsideration of the rejections of claims 1-15 is currently being requested by the present Request for Reconsideration.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 2 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, claims 1-6 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *the Abstract of Japanese Patent Publication No. 410075809A* (hereinafter "*Abstract of JP '809*") in view of *Slowinski*, and claims 7-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Abstract of JP '809* in view of *Slowinski* and *Kirshbaum*.